

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 32, line 22 and ending on page 33, line 9 with the following paragraph:

Particularly in the case of a metal having ~~paramagnetism~~ **ferromagnetism** such as nickel or its alloy, significantly minute fine metal powders produced in large amounts have a single crystal structure in the early stages of reaction and therefore, are simply polarized into a bipolar phase to easily enter a state where a large number of metal powders are connected to one another in a chain shape. Moreover, when the reaction progresses, the metal or its alloy is further deposited thereon to fix the chain-shaped structure. Accordingly, the fine metal powders having ~~paramagnetism~~ **ferromagnetism** are brought into a chain shape.